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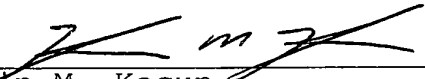
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The corrections indicated should be made as the application originally filed does not contain such errors. There is no requirement for payment of a fee since the errors were made by the Patent Office.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Cover Page, third line of ABSTRACT, delete "a first vertebral contact surface for engagement with an endplate of a first vertebral bone in the spinal column, and having".

Cover Page, tenth line of ABSTRACT, "column; and" should read --column. The apparatus includes--.

Cover Page, eleventh line of ABSTRACT, delete "second vertebral contact surface for engagement with an endplate of a second vertebral bone in the spinal column, and having a".

Cover Page, fourteenth line of ABSTRACT, delete "at least".

Cover Page, nineteenth line of ABSTRACT, "column," should read --column.--

Cover Page, nineteenth line of ABSTRACT, delete "wherein: an intervertebral disc space is defined substantially between the first and second endplates of the first and second vertebral bones, and".

Cover Page, twenty first line of ABSTRACT, "the" should read --The--.

Cover Page, twenty third line of ABSTRACT, "such" should read --so--.

Cover Page, twenty fifth line of ABSTRACT, "the intervertebral" should read --an intervertebral--.

Cover Page, twenty fifth line of ABSTRACT, delete "to enable the first and second vertebral bones to articulate in at least one of flexion, extension and lateral bending" and insert the following:--. The first member has a first center of rotation located below the articulation surfaces during flexion/extension and a second center of rotation located above the articulation surfaces during lateral bending.--.

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